

Appl. No. 10/824,993

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Notice of Allowance mailed 24 September 2004 indicating that pending Claims 1-6 are patentable over the prior art of record..

Newly added dependent Claims 12-17 all recite that metal M is zinc and thus narrow the scope of the allowed claims from which they depend.

Accordingly, Applicant requests entry of this Rule 312 Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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(Column 1)		(Column 2)		SMALL ENTITY		OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY			
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE			
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))				\$		\$			
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	11	minus 20 =	*	X \$		X \$			
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	1	minus 3 =	*	X \$		X \$			
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))			+	\$	+	\$			
			TOTAL		TOTAL				
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AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		
Total (37 CFR 1.16(e))	12	Minus	11	=	0	X \$		X \$	
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(f))	1	Minus	1	=	0	X \$		X \$	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))			+	\$	+	\$		TOTAL ADD'L FEE	
(Column 1)		(Column 2)		(Column 3)		SMALL ENTITY		OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		
Total (37 CFR 1.16(e))	*	Minus	**	=	=	X \$		X \$	
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(f))	*	Minus	***	=	=	X \$		X \$	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))			+	\$	+	\$		TOTAL ADD'L FEE	
(Column 1)		(Column 2)		(Column 3)		SMALL ENTITY		OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		
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Independent (37 CFR 1.16(f))	*	Minus	***	=	=	X \$		X \$	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))			+	\$	+	\$		TOTAL ADD'L FEE	
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